

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-18

Claim 1 has been amended in response to the rejection under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, by using other terminology than the conditional “if” language. However, since the meaning remains in tact it is not seen how the original language (with the word “if”) was really unclear. In any event, since the present language avoids the use of the word “if” it is hoped that the Examiner will agree to withdraw the rejection.

Additionally, “a particular said time period” has been amended to read “a particular one of said time periods” so that the antecedent “time periods” is clear. This amendment caused similar changes to be made in two additional places in claim 1 and also certain dependent claims.

Claims 19-30

Claim 19 has been amended to change “a particular said time period” to read “a particular one of said time periods” so that the antecedent “time periods” is clear. This amendment caused similar changes to be made in two additional places in claim 19.

Also the word “string” was added after “an arbitrary encryption key” so that the phrase would provide a proper antecedent for dependent claims where the phrase “arbitrary encryption key string” can be found.

Finally, the spelling of the word “with” was corrected.

Claims 31-47

Claims 31-47, which are the non-elected claims, are cancelled by this amendment without prejudice. They may be pursued in a yet to be filed divisional patent application.

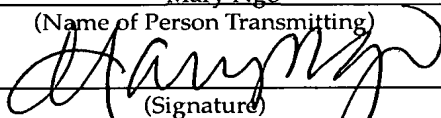
Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 08-2125. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 08-2125.

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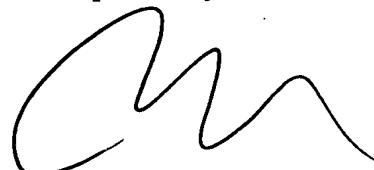
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